**Facilities to SCs|STs|OBCs and others**

1937. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided certain facilities to people belonging to Schedule Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs, handicapped, ex-servicemen old people, widows and orphans; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with formalities required to avail of those facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) and (b) Apart from providing for reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in the Services and posts under the Central Government, the Ministry of Welfare is implementing a number of Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector schemes/programmes for the welfare and socio-economic development of the weaker sections of society. The important schemes/programmes being implemented are given in the statement attached (*see* below). These programmes are implemented through State Governments/U.T. Administrations and Voluntary Organisations.

In the case of schemes implemented through State Governments/U.T. Administrations, funds are released on the basis of schemes/proposals received from them. In the case of schemes implemented through Voluntary Organisations, the Ministry releases grants-in-aid to the organisations engaged in welfare activities in the relevant field. In order to qualify for grants-in-aid, the voluntary organisations should be registered under the Societies Registration Act/Companies Act|Trust, or any other institution recognised by the Ministry of Welfare and working in the relevant field for at least two years. The applications are to be recommended by the concerned State Governments|U.T. Administrations.

STATEMENT

List of important schemes being implemented by Ministry of Welfare

I. Scheduled Castes Development:

1. Post-Matric Scholarships for SCs/STs.

2. Pre-Matric Scholarship for SCs/STs.

3. Book Banks for SCs/STs.

4. Girls/Boys Hostels.

5. Coaching & Allied Schemes for SCs/STs.

6. Liberation & Rehabilitation of Scavengers.

7. Strengthening of Machinery for enforcement of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955.

8. Scheduled Castes Development Corporation.

9. Specal Central Assistance to Special Component Plan.

10. Grant to Voluntary organisations engaged in socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes.

11. National Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation.

II. Scheduled Tribes Development:

12. Grant-in-aid under Article 275 (1)

13. Book Banks for STs.

14. Girls/Boys hostels for STs.

15. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan areas.

16. Ashram Schools for TSP Areas.

17. Aid to Voluntary Organisations engaged in socio-economic development of Tribals.

18. Vocational Training in Tribal Areas.

19. Education Complex in Low Literacy pockets for ST girls in tribal areas.

III. *Other backward classes and minorities Development*

20. National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation.

21. Scheme of Pre-Examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on Economic Criteria (with focus on coaching Minorities and Socially and educationally Backward classes candidates).

22. National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation.

IV. *Handicapped Welfare:*

23. Assistance to Organisations for the Disabled Persons.

24. Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchase/Fitting of Aids and appliances.

25. Employment of Handicapped.

26. District/Rehabilitation Centres.

27. Scholarships to Physically Handicapped.

V. *Social Defence:*

28. Prevention & Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment.

29. Grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations in the field of Social Welfare.

30. Scheme for the Welfare of the Aged-Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations.

31. Scheme for Welfare of Stree Children-Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations.

Reservation of seats

1938. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation of seats at school level, college level and at Higher Education level has been made for people of some categories;

(b) if so, the details thereof levelwise with formalities required to avail of such facility;

(c) whether reservation of seats in jobs and during departmental promotion has been made for people of some categories;

(d) if so, the details thereof separately during initial recruitment and departmental promotion with formalities required to avail of such facility;

(e) whether Government propose to reserve some seats in academic and recruitment fields for people belonging to minorities communities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) and (b) In the universities, college, technical education institutions and Kendriya Vidyalayas, according to the existing instructions, 15 per cent of seats are to be reserved for students belonging to scheduled castes and 7.5 percent to those belonging to scheduled tribes. In Navodaya Vidyalayas, reservation for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in admission is provided in proportion to their population in the concerned districts subject to the minimum of national average of 15 percent and 7.5 percent respectively. All such candidates are required to submit SC/ST certificates in support of their claim.